

David Stauffer Farm Buildings,
Near Harmony, Butler County, Pa.

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PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA.
District No. 4 Penna. Area.

Reduced Copies of Measured Drawings

Historic American Buildings Survey,
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DAVID STAUFFER FARM BUILDINGS.

Near Harmony, Butler County,
Pennsylvania.

Owner - Ferd C. Bame, R. D. #1, Harmony, Pa.

Date of Erection - The House was erected in 1859 according to date stone in gable: no data has been secured as to other buildings: a comparison with other dated structures in the vicinity would indicate that the frame addition to the house and the Pigery, were erected approximately 1855: the condition of clapboards on the Stock Barn indicates that it may antedate the house: the character of work in the Barn indicates that it is approximately the same age as the house, but date tablets have been removed.

Present Condition - The clapboarding of the Stock Barn is in very bad condition, and a portion of the foundation wall has collapsed: otherwise the buildings are in good condition: on the house, an earlier two-story porch has been replaced by a one-story porch, and shingle roofs replaced by asphalt shingles. On the Pigery, a paper roof has been placed over the shingles.

Number of Stories - The House, 2 stories.
The Bank Barn, basement and one story.
The Pigery, basement and one story.
The Stock Barn, basement and one story.

Materials of Construction - On the House, the exterior walls are laid up of a local sandstone, in regular courses on the Southwest elevation, and irregular courses more or less on the other elevation: the wood framing and floors are of oak, and wood trim is of pine: the roof according to the photographs, was of wood shingles. The addition to the House is framed in oak, with pine clapboards: the material of original roof is not certain: the present roof is of paper.

On the Barn, the exterior walls are laid up of a local sandstone, in regular courses on the Southeast elevation, with large quoins on all corners: the balance of masonry is laid up in random rubble: wood framing is of hewn oak: the structure is covered with a shingle roof.

On the Pigery, the basement walls are laid up of local sandstone in regular courses, all framing of superstructure is of hewn oak, and the clapboards are of pine: the present roof is paper.

On the Stock Barn, the basement walls are of local sandstone laid in regular courses, the superstructure is framed in hewn oak, covered with pine clapboards: the clapboards have been removed from the Southeast elevation, and vertical boards substituted: a paper roof has been laid over one slope of the shingled roof.

Other Existing Records - In a "History of Butler County" published by R. C. Brown and Co. 1895, the following information will be found on pages 411 - 412. It is related that the Harmony Society, owners of 5000 acres of land transferred their holdings to one Adam Ziegler in 1814: He engaged in sheep farming to pay the purchase price, and entered into an agreement with, among others, David Stauffer, the compensation for his services being "a certain area of land": it is further stated that the contracts were faithfully carried out.

Otherwise no historical data has been secured: the descendants of the Stauffer's have been importuned to supply data, without result.

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